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NAPOLÉON, O., DEC. 9, 1886.

There will be about thirty contests in the Fifth Congress.

The Ohio Legislature will meet in adjourned session Tuesday, January 4th.

The Supreme Court will render a decision in the Dow law cases on the 14th.

Ex-Gov. Foster is said to be out of politics and in gas. Wonder if gas will need as much "soaping" as his politics did.

Congressman Simmons, of the Second North Carolina District, will be the youngest member of the 50th Congress. He is only 32.

W. S. Chamberlain, father of Miss Jennie Chamberlain, the famous American beauty, has transferred \$200,000 worth of Cleveland property to Colonel John Hay, and it said will soon go to London to live.

The New York Daily Commercial Bulletin of December 3 estimates the November fire loss in the United States and Canada at \$10,000,000, which is an increase of one-third upon the November average since the Boston fire of 1872.

The Northwestern Ohio Editorial Association met at Lima last Friday, with a small attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Parke Snyder; vice president, W. E. Campbell; secretary and treasurer, W. C. Tingle.

It is estimated that every year about 50,000,000 letters are posted in the world. America leads, with about 2,500,000,000, and England follows, with 700,000,000. Japan, which established a postal service only ten years ago, now mails annually 95,000,000 letters.

We are in receipt of an invitation from the Jackson Club to attend the Annual Banquet to be held at Columbus, O., on Friday, January 7th. The time honored custom of observing the day that is held sacred to the memory of Democracy's patron saint will be one of the most important events of the beginning of 1887.

School Commissioner Brown has called a meeting at Columbus for Dec. 29, of School examiners of the State. The meeting is for the purpose of considering the following questions: 1. What reforms are needed in the selections of teachers? 2. What reforms are needed in teachers' institutes?

Commissioner Black says, "the subject of pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican war is before congress and the people. I need not add one word in favor of these claims. They have passed the point of argument; all agree to their just foundation." This declaration of Commissioner Black is in keeping with the sentiment of the people. The veterans of the war of 1846 are justly entitled to recognition by the government.

With the exception of the Mail and Express all the Democratic papers in New York City are opposing Cleveland's administration.—Findsay Jeff.

Oh, we guess not. Can't you let up on fibbing for a little while? There is not a Democratic paper in New York which is opposing Cleveland's administration, and the Star is the most pronounced in its support.

Those crocodiles, fault-finding politicians whose dissatisfaction occasionally crops out on account of what they term the president's inactivity or disinterestedness about the appointment of Democrats to office, will find a little consolation in the fact that out of 110,000 offices filled by Republican partisans one year ago last March about two-thirds are to-day filled by Democrats. The good work goes steadily onward and upward. When the 4th day of March, 1888, shall have passed, every pernicious, offensive Republican officeholder will have heard the crack of his political doom.—Plain Dealer.

The fast increasing surplus in the National Treasury is alarming the Republican politicians. They can't understand, poor innocent souls, why the Government revenues should be so much larger under a Democratic National administration than they were under a Republican. More honesty and less thievery in the collection of the revenues is the cause of it.

The estimates of the chief engineers for the river and harbor bill has the following for Ohio: Ohio river, \$600,000; Muskingum, between Zanesville and mouth of river, \$200,000; Ashtabula harbor \$20,000; Black River harbor, \$10,000; Cleveland harbor, \$100,000; Fairport harbor, \$5,000; mouth of Muskingum, \$57,633; Toledo harbor, straight channel, \$250,000; old channel, \$25,000.

After the battle is over and smoke has blown from the field the Democrats seem to have won a victory of which they can be proud. Not only have they maintained a Democratic majority in the lower house of congress, but they have reduced the majority in the senate so that it will be as much use to the Democrats as it will be to the Republicans from a political standpoint.—Plain Dealer.

All the stuff and nonsense about American ship builders not being able or willing to compete with foreign builders that was published when Secretary Whitney invited foreign proposals is now disproven by the announcement that over seventeen American firms have applied for specifications and are about to put in bids. Indeed, the action of Secretary Whitney in throwing open the competition to the world seems to have been both wise and efficacious in stimulating and promoting the industries and ambition of our ship yards.

The indications are that the chief business of legislation in Congress this winter will relate to finance and banking. Dry, of course. But business is business. This Democratic Administration is rapidly paying off the public debt. This encroaches upon the bonds held by the national banks as security. The public debt must be paid and the people must have banks. So there you have the problem. It is safe to say that that Administration will not stop paying off the public debt. Therefore it seems that some provision will be made for the banks whereby they can get other bonds.—Zanesville Signal.

Wheeling (W. Va.) has nearly five miles of brick street pavements, which have been in use three years, and have given entire satisfaction, proving smooth, noiseless and durable. These bricks are wedge shaped, are laid in sand with broad and narrow edges up in alternate rows, hot tar and pitch being poured over them, and sand thrown over all. They make a smooth, noiseless and durable roadway. These bricks are burned to almost granite hardness by natural gas, and a test of blocks recently made shows that they resist a pressure of from 14 to 22 tons before breaking. A Committee from the Cleveland City Council left for Wheeling Tuesday, to examine the new paving material, which seems to combine the points of cheapness, excellence and durability. When natural gas reaches Toledo, we may be able to give the brick pavement a trial.—Bee.

Few people have an adequate notion of our postal service, and a few facts in regard to the matter may prove valuable.

No other nation on earth has one-third as many post offices as the United States. The number of letters mailed during the last year in this country exceeded those mailed in Great Britain by 100,000,000 and nearly as many more as those mailed in Germany, France and Austria combined.

The proportion of the number of pieces of mail matter handled last year to the entire population—men, women and children—was sixty-six in this country, fifty-seven in Great Britain, and nineteen in Germany.

On the first of October there were 54,157 post offices in this country; there were 22,747 post-masters appointed, of whom 9,566 were in place of all removals from all causes.

For the current year the estimated revenues are \$144,000,000, or about equal to the entire receipts of the Government during 1880; the estimated expenditures are \$51,000,000 or about equal to the entire expenses of the Government during 1847, the most expensive year of the Mexican war.

Let us look at the growth of the system since the first census in 1790.—The seventy-five post-offices in the United States have increased to about fifty-four thousand; the one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five miles of mail routes to three hundred and seventy thousand miles; the \$37,935 revenue to \$44,000,000; the \$8,108 for salaries to \$11,600,000; the \$22,081 for the transportation of mails to \$23,500,000.

All this has been brought about within the past hundred years; what may we not expect of the next century?

"If you have tears to shed, prepare to shed them now." The newspapers all over the broad Republic are beginning to say, "Christmas comes but once a year." As we have said before in these columns, we will say now, and probably say again sometime in the future—"once a year" is often enough—too often, if anything, to suit the financial situation of most of us.—Belfontaine Ex.

The Far Northwest.

There is published at Portland, Oregon, an ably edited and handsomely illustrated magazine, portraying monthly the beautiful scenery and the industries, resources and social features of the great Columbia river region, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, British Columbia and Alaska. Its illustrations are artistic, printed in colors. Its contents are entertaining to the general reader, and the character of the magazine is such as to make it welcome in every family circle. Anyone at all interested in that great and rapidly developing country, either from having visited it, having friends living there, or from entertaining thoughts of joining the throng annually moving thither from every state in the Union, should become a subscriber to this valuable magazine. A grand holiday number will be issued in December, some of the engravings being executed in five colors, accompanying which will be a large picture of Mount Hood, Oregon's famous snow peak, printed in eight colors and embossed. All who subscribe now for 1887 will receive this holiday number and the picture of Mount Hood as a premium. The picture of Mount Hood will be given to yearly subscribers only. Subscription price, \$2.00 per year. Sample copy, 25 cents. Address: L. Saxrud, Publisher of The West Shore, Portland, Oregon.

The President's Message.

President Cleveland delivered his second annual message to Congress on Monday. The document is lengthy, but an exceedingly interesting one. We therefore lay it before our readers in its entirety, and ask for it a careful perusal.

A Railroad Route That Would Pay.

It seems to be a settled fact that the Deshler and McComb road is to be extended to Findlay. When this is done the road should by all means seek an Eastern terminus at Wheeling, West Va., and extend from Deshler northwest through Napoleon up into the pines of Michigan. In looking upon the map one can readily see the advantages of a road of this character would have over other lines. It would not only traverse a country which is almost free from railroad connections east and west, but would cross at right angles innumerable important railroad lines, which web the State from north to south. A road of this character would not only be a heavy freight route, but its passenger traffic would be immense, sufficient to guarantee that the investment would be a paying one. That Napoleon is in need of such an outlet none can doubt. The building of a road of this character by a good company would give our town and county a tremendous boom, bringing into notice the advantages of Napoleon and the fertile soil of Henry county.—Let those living along the line of this route talk the matter up, and who knows but that it may result in the road being built.

At Last.

On Saturday President Cleveland appointed Mr. Geo. L. Johnson, of Toledo, to succeed John Kumber as Internal Revenue Collector for this district. A change has long been looked for by the Democrats, and it was their wish that Kumber be bounced long before this—as he should have been. We are convinced he would have been removed or asked to resign months ago, but for the bitter factional warfare in Lucas county which has existed in the Democratic ranks.

The appointment is an excellent one, and the selection of Mr. Johnson reflects much credit upon the Administration and the Democratic organization, of which Mr. Johnson has been an active and working member for many years. Referring to the appointment, the Commercial, of Toledo, a bitter Republican paper, says:

"Mr. Johnson is a business man, who has made an honorable place for himself by steady and persistent industry and honesty. He is a good man, a self-made man, and will no doubt fill the place of collector, as he has filled other places, creditably and honorably."

Now let President Cleveland make a change in the Customs Collector, by the selection of some good Democrat for the office, and the Democracy of this neck of the woods will rise up and call him blessed. Turn the rascals out, every mother's son of them, and the quicker the better.

County Commissioner.

The following needs no explanation: In the matter of a probable vacancy in the office of County Commissioner.

WHEREAS, Wm. H. Booher was at the October election A. D., 1883, duly elected County Commissioner of Henry county, Ohio, for three years from and after the first Monday in December, A. D., 1883, and duly qualified, gave bond and entered upon the performance of the duties of said office and yet continues to discharge the said duties, and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Ohio at its last session changed the term for the County Commissioners elect to enter upon the performance of the duties of said office from the first Monday of December to the first Monday in January, and

WHEREAS, some doubt exists as to whether a vacancy will not exist in said office from the first Monday in December, 1886, to the first Monday in January, 1887, and

WHEREAS, in order to remove all question for said period last named, now therefore we, D. Meekison, Probate Judge, Thos. W. Durbin, County Recorder, and Charles Evers, County Auditor, for said Henry county, do hereby appoint Wm. H. Booher, the present incumbent, to fill said supposed vacancy, he to qualify and give bond according to law.

Done this 4th day of December, A. D., 1886, as witness our hands and seals.

D. MEKISON, Probate Judge.
THOS. W. DURBIN, Recorder.
CHAS. EVERS, County Auditor.

Immense Hog Traffic.

Never before in the history of Henry county has the hog traffic been as heavy as it has been this season, and the pockets of our farmers are enriched thousands of dollars every day from the sales of live and dressed pork. From the little station of Okolona alone some eighty car loads, some of which have been double decks, have been shipped, and are now being shipped at the rate of ten car loads per week. We have this information from the freight agent at Okolona and it can be relied upon as correct. One of our prominent citizens remarked the other day that he would not be surprised if the hog trade of the county would amount to more dollars and cents than the wheat product. That is probably stretching it a little but at any rate it will hug it pretty closely. Again we ask, why go to the far west to raise grain and stock? This country is far superior to any of the western country, and all that is required is for the farmer to apply himself to his vocation, and with the help of the modern machinery for use upon the farm, the soil will bring forth from ten to one hundred fold. Our markets are first class and convenient and all that is raised can be disposed of at good figures. True, the price of produce has been a little low, but our abundant harvests more than make up the difference. We are glad to note that many of those who went to the far west a year or so ago are returning to Little Henry, fully convinced that the prospects are better here than there. To those already settled here, with a notion to pick up and go west, we would say: remain where you are; devote your energies towards the improvement of your land and stock, and in time you will be better off than had you gone west to grow up with a new country.

Holiday Excursions on the B. & O.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company sends greetings to its patrons, by announcing that on December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1886, and January 1st, 1887, round trip tickets, at one fare for the round trip, will be sold from all stations to all stations on the Trans-Ohio Divisions, and on the Columbus & Cincinnati Midland R. R., including Chicago, Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. Tickets will be good returning until January 3d, 1887, inclusive.

WHAT THE OLD MAN SAID.

The Continuation of A Night on Girty's Island.

BY PETRONQUET.

Existence is still endurable by heroes to whom "all but life and honor's lost," but desolate, miserable and burdensome indeed must be that life when with everything else honor too is gone. This was the pitiable condition of Girty when, after the victory of Perry on the Lake and the defeat of Proctor and his Indian allies at the Thames, he found himself on this then desolate Island, not only friendless but companionless, so utterly despicable that even dogs would not keep him company. He had consorted here on his Island a quantity of spirits of which he was so fond; and having on his last entrance, like those in the Inferno, left foot behind, devoted himself to the stupefaction, by the excessive use of the fire water, of the little sensibility left him.

The Indians were very superstitious, and this superstition had been greatly increased and inflamed by the teachings of the Prophet, Elskawatawa, the brother of Tecumseh; yet the stories told by them were so uniform in detail and told with such earnestness and honesty as to challenge the belief of the most incredulous. The night was dark and fearful; the lightnings danced across the skies, bounded from cloud to cloud, and with the winds, played havoc with the forest trees; the rolling thunders and the howling storm might indicate "that the very fiends of hell" were enjoying a period of exemption from sulphurous flames. Above the noise and the clash of the elements arose the dreadful shrieks of the suffering renegade. On a sudden, and as if by Supreme command, the storm cleared, the clouds rolled away, the sky was decked with stars and the cries of Girty were hushed. The Indians crept from their places of concealment, and by an irresistible impulse, flocked to the banks of the river—none dared approach the Island.

At the West end of the Island where the storm and flood had cleared a space, stood the fiery skeleton, before him stretched upon the sand, lay the prostrate form of the abandoned wretch. Instead of the spit he held in his hand a triad, the prongs of which were fiery flames. With one of these he touched the nostrils and lips of his victim whose breath instantly ignited and continued to burn and extend until nothing but an ashy shadow remained. The skies again darkened, the thunders again rolled, the lightning was again kindled, and the storm raged. The fiery skeleton picked up the ashy shadow upon his triad and mounting upon the wings of the wind soon disappeared from sight.

And, this according to the best Indian authority, was the last of Girty on the earth. Here the old man paused and indicated a disposition to be taken to the shore; this request was complied with and the old man bade us good night, promising that at some future time, should we chance to be at the Island, he might pay us another visit and gratify us with further narratives of Indian and pioneer adventures on the Maumee.

The following information relating to patents granted by the United States patent office, for the week ending Nov. 30th, 1886, was compiled from the official records by the Howard Bros., solicitors of patents, cor. 7th and E Sts. n. w., Washington, D. C.:

Total granted to citizens of the U. S.:
Patents and designs..... 339
Trade-marks and labels..... 18
Total granted to citizens of foreign countries:

Patents and designs..... 25
Trade-marks and labels..... 3
Issued to residents of Ohio:

John Anderson, Toledo, corner-clamp.
C. A. Andrus, LaGrange, feeding mechanism for grain, flour, &c.
Frederick Bentel, Hamilton, horse hay rake.

Lucian A. Cussins, New Paris, fence.
John Danner, Canton, book shelf.
S. W. Goodwin, Toledo, turning lathe.
J. R. and E. E. Hersh, Dayton, jumping jack.

W. H. McAndrews, Youngstown, drill.
J. N. Miller, Bellefontaine, carriage.
Hiram Myers, Springfield, horse hay rake.
G. W. Newton, Hubbard, bird.

F. N. Herkins, Cleveland, combined latch and lock.
G. C. Pyle, Cayhoga Falls, electric ark light.

L. A. Rust, Loudonville, bicycle.
D. L. Shaffer, Pleasant Hill, breast strap coupling.
E. H. Slaybaugh and J. M. Akers, Alliance, bottle stopper.

W. J. Snider, Madison City, check rowing attachment.
John Walker, Cleveland, traveling crane.
W. C. Winfield, Warren, tubular lantern.

DIED.

ULICH.—In Napoleon, on the 5th of Dec., 1886, Mrs. Lavina Ulich, in the 62d year of her age.

GREEN.—In Napoleon, on the 5th inst., Mrs. Susannah Green, in the 62d year of her age.

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TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers have been recorded since our last issue:

F. H. Short, Trustee, to S. W. Stevenson, 40 acres in Barlow tp.....	\$ 800
C. Houghman to M. B. Smith, lots 57 and 58 in Deshler.....	400
F. Linsinger to W. Linsinger, 80 acres in Ridgeville tp.....	5400
B. F. Hutchinson to J. W. Stinson, 40 acres in Richfield tp.....	750
G. J. Capen to L. A. Ford, 80 acres in Richfield tp.....	5100
J. E. Robinson to J. M. Rooley, 3 acres in Barlow tp.....	1
C. Patterson to A. Patterson, 16 acres in Marion tp.....	700
C. F. Patterson to J. H. Patterson, 40 acres in Marion tp.....	1600
A. L. Allen to C. Wakefield, lot 7 in Napoleon tp.....	800
G. Wahl to J. H. Herthel, lot 7 in Napoleon tp.....	400
J. Shoemaker to E. E. Hummel, land in Napoleon.....	400
W. H. Bowers to M. B. Hummel, 80 acres in Washington tp.....	1475
J. W. Houts to F. Jackson, land in Damascus tp.....	100
L. V. Spafford to E. Murphy, 15 acres in Harri son tp.....	500
D. Cunningham to C. H. Jones, lots 43 and 46 in Napoleon tp.....	30
In McIlhenny lot add to McClure.....	30
J. McClure to J. B. McClure, lot 45 in McClure's lot add to McClure.....	30
T. A. Biesonette to M. S. Hill, land in Napoleon tp.....	600

New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois together only produce as much as Ohio. Great is the Buckeye State.

NOTICE.

THERE will be an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Henry County Agricultural Joint Stock Company, at the Court House, Monday, January 3rd, 1887, at 10 o'clock p. m., to elect new directors, and transact such other business as may be necessary.
H. R. ANDREW, Pres.
J. L. HALTER, Sec'y.

Public Sale.

The undersigned will offer at his residence in Napoleon township, Henry county, 2 1/2 miles south-east of Napoleon, on

Wednesday, December 20, 1886,

the following described property, to-wit: A number of horses, 2 milch cows, 8 head of young cattle, 10 head of fine wool sheep, two wagons, 1 spring wagon, a complete line of farm utensils and tools, 1 Little Giant stump puller, 2 pair of bob-sleds, 1 flanging mill, 1 corn sheller, 2 sets of harness, large lot of household goods, two cook stoves, 1 heating stove and many other articles too numerous to mention.
Sale commences at 9 a. m.
Terms made known on day of sale.
H. R. ANDREW, D. C.

CHAS. SIGG,

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FEED STABLE.

The undersigned has opened a feed stable, in the rear of his premises and near the old

Delventhal Place,

between the river and canal bridges, for the accommodation of the farmers. During the cold stormy weather of the winter when you come to town put your horses under shelter and have them well fed. Charges reasonable.

dec-9-86
JOHN HAHN.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Henry N. Bissell, vs. David Thomson.

Order of sale from Henry county Court of Common Pleas.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the above named Court and to me directed as Sheriff of Henry county, I will offer at public sale at the north door of the Court House, in Napoleon, Ohio, on

Saturday, January 8, 1887,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, the following described real estate, situated in Henry county, Ohio, to-wit:

The north-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section thirty (30), town six (6), north range eight (8) east, in said Henry county, Ohio.

Appraised at \$800.
Terms of sale, cash.

FREDERICK ALLER, Sheriff of Henry county, Ohio.

Osborn & Smith, attorneys for plaintiff, Napoleon, Ohio, Dec. 8, 1886. \$8.40

Sheriff's Sale.

Eliza C. Rouse.

John E. Hoffman et al.

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at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, the following described real estate, situated in Henry county, Ohio, to-wit:

The east half (1/2) of the north-east quarter of section No. twenty-two (22), in town six (6), north range-eight (8) east, in Henry county, Ohio.

Appraised at \$1000.
Terms of sale, cash.

FREDERICK ALLER, Sheriff of Henry county, Ohio.

Osborn & Smith, attorneys for plaintiff, Napoleon, Ohio, Dec. 8, 1886. \$8.40

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years Doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure now on the market. Internally it does from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials. Address,
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